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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SALZBURG ARRANGEMRNTS

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1. WILL ADVISE KAMAL OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS CITED REFTEL ASAP AND OBTAIN EGYPTIAN REACTIONS. AS DEPT AWARE, SADAT, FAHMY, HASSAN KAMAL AND PRESIDENCY STAFF ARE ALL OUTOF COUNTRY. PRIMIN TOLD ME TODAY PRESIDENT IS NOW EXPECTED BACK TOMORROW, MAY 18, INSTEAD OF THE FOLLOWING DAY AS INITIALLY PLANNED. SINCE I ASSUME KAMAL WILL ALSO RETURN, THIS SHOULD ENABLE US TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM MON., MAY 19.

2. I APPRECIATE NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS EGYPTIAN REACTION, BUT MUST RING ONE NOTE OF WARNING. FAHMY IS NOT THE RIGHT MAN TO APPROACH ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. THIS IS STRICTLY A PRESIDENCY FUNCTION, WHICH MARWAN AND HIS COLLEAGUES GUARD JEALOUSLY AGAINST ATTEMPTED FAHMY INTRUSIONS. SOME MONTHS AGO, IN CONNECTION WITH A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY, WE EXPERIENCED A SITUATION WHERE MARWAN/KAMAL AND COMPANY ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO ACT BECAUSE FAHMY HAD INTERFERED IN WHAT THEY REGARDED AS THEIR FUNCTIONS. FAHMY TOOK THE LESSON, AND IT WILL BE RECALLED IT WAS HE WHO EARLIER SUGGESTED

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I CONTACT KAMAL ON OUR QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING.
THIS IS ABNORMAL FOR FAHMY, WHO CUSTOMARILY LIKES TO
TAKE THE BALL -- ANYONES BALL -- AND RUN WITH
IT. HE HAS HAD HIS KNUCKLES RAPPED.

3. IN ANY CASE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A QUICK READING
FROM EITHER KAMAL OR MARWAN.
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